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## MONEY SPENT ON ROADS NEAR CAPE ALMOST \$20,000

Engineer Scivally Shows  
Work of Special Highway  
Commission.

### ASKS THAT JACKSON ROAD BE OILED

Would Make Autoists Bear Part  
of Expense—Report  
Submitted.

In the annual report made by Dennis Scivally, engineer of the Cape Girardeau Special Road District, to the Board of Commissioners, which was announced yesterday, shows an expenditure of \$7,456.59, on general improvement work. Money spent on bridges, culverts, machinery and tools and miscellaneous expenses aggregated \$10,569.36.

The total amount expended in the city of Cape Girardeau is \$1,105.85.

The engineers report shows four steel bridges were built and repaired, at a total cost of \$524.65. These bridges were known as the Popp, Martin, Toll Gate and Medley bridges. The following concrete culverts and bridges were built during the past year: Creibaum, Mohy, Graden and Peironett, at a total expense of \$774.36.

In concluding his report, Mr. Scivally made the following suggestion:

"In addition to the general road work planned for the ensuing year, I would recommend that wooden bridges across Williams creek on the Hitt road be replaced with a steel bridge with a concrete floor. The small wooden bridges at Herman Siemers and Mrs. Hitts, on the Gordonville road, should also be replaced with permanent structures.

"The work of cutting hills could be done more economically if the township had four or five wheeled scrapers and as more of this class of work will be done yearly, the district should purchase them as soon as possible.

"The chert gravel used, to maintain the Bloomfield road, has been very unsatisfactory on account of the chalk in the gravel, and wears very fast. This road is located along the limestone bluffs where rock can be quarried and crushed, where needed, and I would recommend that a small portable rock crusher be bought.

"We have oiled a section of the Jackson road for two years and the results have been beneficial. A heavy road oil not only eliminates the dust but in a way it acts as a binder. I would not recommend that the road be oiled at the expense of the township; but should the automobile owners, who are benefitted most, and the adjacent land owners pay one-half of the cost of oiling, or \$900, the total cost, being approximately \$1,800, I believe the district would get value received for the amount it would have to pay and I recommend that you give the matter careful consideration."

### NEUTRALITY OF WASHINGTON SOCIAL WORLD IS STRAINED

German and Austrian Ambassadors in  
Seats of Honor at Mrs.  
Townsend's Dinner.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The dinner and dance given last Saturday night by Mrs. Richard Townsend, a leader of Washington's smart set, has put a strain on the neutrality of the social world. In the place of honor at the right of the hostess sat the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, and at her left the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Dr. Constantin Dumba. The incident has stirred to the depths that coterie of society at the national capital where sympathies are with the allies.

At the beginning of the season the Ambassadors of the allied Powers let it be known that they would accept no invitations to formal entertainment in meeting the diplomatic representatives of hostile Powers and so announced that it would be unbecoming for them to take part in festivities while their countries were engaged.

At Mrs. Townsend's affair the Ambassadors of the two Emperors enjoyed themselves. Count von Bernstorff is reported to have danced every dance.

CLYDE H. TAVENNER



Representative Clyde T. Tavenner of Illinois has submitted to the house charges that the American war munitions ring has extorted between \$35,000,000 and \$105,000,000 in illegitimate contract profits from the United States government in the last 20 years and that army and navy officials are closely connected with the favored concerns.

## HARRY McLAIN IS BELIEVED MARRIED

Mother of Illmo Girl Believes  
Daughter Eloped With Cape  
Swain.

Chief of Police Nichols last night received a telephone message from Marshall Crews of Illmo, requesting him to be on the lookout for Harry McLain and Manie Clark, who were suspected of having fled from Illmo to this city.

The officer stated that it was feared that the Clark girl who is only about 16 years of age, had eloped with McLain.

When last seen they were driving out of Illmo in a buggy drawn by two ponies and were coming in the direction of the Cape. Officer Crews stated that they left Illmo at about 7:30 in the evening, and at 8 o'clock he phoned the authorities in this city and asked that they be arrested and held until the arrival of Scott County officers who would come to take them back to Illmo.

Officer Jeff Hutson watched at the corner of Sprigg and Good Hope streets for several hours, thinking that they would pass that corner in entering the city.

Late in the night he grew suspicious that they had detoured in order to evade him.

His suspicions were verified when he called up at the home of young McLain, who lives in this city, and was informed that Harry had arrived a half hour before, and had gone out somewhere in town.

Mr. McLain stated over the phone that the boy had spent the day in Illmo but that if he had brought anyone back to the city with him, he knew nothing of it.

A search was instituted for the young couple, but at last reports no trace of them had been found.

The young man lives with his parents in this city, and is a student at the business college.

The young girl with whom he is said to have become infatuated, lives with her mother in Illmo. A few weeks ago when she and another girl ran away from home, and were finally captured at Kennett. No effort was made by them in this city to procure a marriage license and it is feared they eloped to Illinois.

### 3 SISTERS WED AT SAME TIME

Single Ceremony performed for Three  
Illinois Couples.

Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 17.—Catherine, Lena and Margaret Behrends, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Behrends of Hartsburg, Ill., were married by a single ceremony to Claus Leesman, Albert Wrage and Jacob Rademaker, respectively.

The bridegrooms are farmers. The entire village will attend a reception for principals at the opera house tonight.

## SCHULZ PLANS FLABBERGAST HIS NOMINEES

Louis Wittemore Says He  
Doesn't Know Whether Sur-  
geon Will Make Race.

### CANDIDATES ALMOST OUTNUMBER VOTERS

New Petitions for Council in Some  
Wards Cannot Be  
Filled.

Believing that he can not get signatures enough to legally nominate his ticket, his ticket will keep the third ticket out of the race this spring, according to the belief of politicians.

The Tribune was informed yesterday that the reason why Claud Speak decided not to run for Councilman from the Fourth ward was because he believed there were not enough voters in the ward who had not signed the petitions of the other four candidates to nominate him.

Louis Wittemore, candidate on the Schulz ticket in the Second ward, said yesterday he would not make the race unless Dr. Schulz was able to place a complete ticket in the field. "I don't know whether he is still intending to run or not," said Mr. Wittemore last night. "If he does, and selects a full ticket, I am going to run. But if he does not, I will not run independently."

Men who have been mentioned as candidates on the Schulz ticket have not been informed what the surgeon's plans are. It would require two hundred signatures in order to get Dr. Schulz's ticket on the ballot, and as four hundred voters have already signed the Kage and Phillips tickets, to nominate another ticket would almost necessitate a house to house canvass. It is not believed that much trouble would be experienced in nominating a third candidate for mayor, but it would be difficult to get the Council ticket filled.

Three candidates for Councilman have filled their petitions in the first and third wards and four are now running in the Fourth. It is not believed that another candidate could be placed in the field in these wards, leaving only second for Dr. Schulz.

The campaign this spring, it is believed, will be one of the most spirited in years. Seldom has there ever been shown such a pronounced sentiment for and against candidates. Sensational charges are going to be made, according to the partisans of the two leading candidates. There is no inkling of what these sensations will be.

If Dr. Schulz decides not to run, it was officially stated yesterday that an organization known as the "people's club" will place a ticket in the field. This organization is made up largely of women.

### JOE NUNN FINDS TWO BITS IN MULE'S SHOE

Candidate Picks Good Luck Aponulix  
Out of Beast's Picketbook.

While administering amateur veterinary service to one of the Glenn Mercantile Company delivery mules yesterday afternoon, Joe T. Nunn, Jr., discovered a hoard of silver coin in a most unexpected hiding place.

It was nearing supper time for the mules and in their impatience they began to bite and tease each other. In their struggles they became entangled in the harness and Mr. Nunn's attention was attracted to them by the noise they were making.

He hurried out to where they were tied in the lot at the rear of the store building, and after straightening out the tangle, he observed that Becky, small one of the two was bleeding just above the hoof.

He picked up the foot to make close investigation and discovered a Canadian silver quarter firmly imbedded in the bottom of the foot. It required some effort to dislodge the coin from its position. A thorough search of the remaining hoofs of both mules failed to reveal any more hidden treasure.

## DECLARED HEIR TO BRITISH FORTUNE



By a decision just rendered by the probate court of London, England, the great battle for the Slingsby fortune has been decided at last in favor of Teddy Slingsby, the four-year-old subject of this photograph. The decision in effect declares him to be legitimate son of Charles Raymond Slingsby, though two brothers of the former lieutenant of the royal navy who settled in San Francisco and married Miss Dorothy Cutler Morgan have claimed otherwise. Little Teddy becomes heir to an income of \$50,000 per year.

## CREWS DOG FOUND, BUT UNRECOVERED

Man Who Now Has Hound Says  
He Doesn't Belong to  
Crews.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a black and tan hound from the home of C. F. Crews at 827 N. Spanish street on February 15, was partially cleared yesterday afternoon when Ben Griffio, an employee at the cement plant, sought Policeman Jeff Hutson and voluntarily imparted the information that he himself had entered the Crews premises and secured the dog.

Mr. Griffio advised the officer that he was the rightful owner of the dog and was entitled to its possession. He said that the pup disappeared from his home in South Cape one morning several weeks ago, and that he was out making a search for him when he saw him tied in Mr. Crews' yard.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Crews, offers a reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the man taking the dog, Mr. Griffio calmly admits that he is the party sought, and that he had every right to act as he did in the matter.

When he discovered the dog, he was accompanied by "Spec" Davis, who waited outside the yard while Griffio entered the enclosure and released the animal. Mr. Griffio said that Mrs. Crews admonished him not to take the dog without getting the consent of Mr. Crews, and that he told her he would go and inform Mr. Crews of what had been done.

After leaving the Crews home, Mr. Griffio informed the officer that he and Mr. Davis went as directed to the place where Mr. Crews had been working but that he had gone before their arrival.

He says that he has owned the hound for a year and that he purchased him from a party in Illinois, paying \$15 for the beast.

Yesterday Mr. Davis saw the advertisement in The Tribune, and immediately sought Mr. Griffio and advised him of Mr. Crews' anxiety to recover the pup.

Officer Hutson accompanied Mr. Griffio to the Crews boat, and failing to find Mr. Crews, they sent him word by his son, requesting that he appear at Judge Wiley's home this morning at 10 o'clock where Griffio will meet him with the dog, and witnesses to prove his right of possession.

## SAMUEL J. HALCOMB LIBERATED ON BOND

Kage Releases Man Charged With  
Fraud By Mail on \$500  
Surety.

Samuel J. Halcomb, the Federal prisoner from Doniphan, Mo., who was brought to this city Monday night by Deputy U. S. Marshal George C. Orchard, was liberated yesterday after giving bond for his appearance in this city before U. S. Commissioner F. A. Kage, on March 8, 1915.

The bond was fixed in the sum of \$500 and was signed by Thomas F. Lane and H. E. Alexander of this city. Senator Lane defended the prisoner on a former occasion when he was given a hearing before Commissioner Kage about two years ago.

Mr. Malugen of Doniphan, a former bondsman for Halcomb, in talking over the telephone yesterday morning expressed a willingness to guarantee anyone in this city against loss in signing the bond, but was himself unable to leave Doniphan to personally sign such a document. He is known to be a man of thorough responsibility, and upon his assurances, local men were secured to sign the bond.

Halcomb is accused of using the mails for the perpetration of fraud, and is charged with having mailed pretended orders for merchandise to the company for whom he was working in order to collect commissions on the sales he falsely claimed to have made.

He is now engaged in the bus business at Doniphan, and this morning departed for his home.

### MISSOURI BANK IS HELD UP

Weight of Silver Causes Capture of  
3 Men Who Got \$2000 at Duenweg.

Webb City, Mo., Feb. 17.—Three robbers today locked Fred Wilkerson, cashier, in the vault of the State Bank at Duenweg, near here, and escaped with \$600 in silver in \$1400 in paper, but they were caught shortly afterward a mile from Duenweg.

The silver retarded the men's flight, and Marshal McGraw and a posse from Webb City and Constable Elliot of Duenweg easily captured them after firing a few shots. One robber was wounded slightly. They were taken to the Webb City jail.

### NEGRO IS LYNCHED IN FLORIDA

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 17.—John Richards, a negro, was lynched by a mob near Spaw, Fla., last night. He is said to have insulted a white woman.

## U. S. GETS REPLY FROM ENGLAND; IS DISPLEASED

Washington Says Grey's Note is  
Repetition of Previous Message  
—Bryan and Cabinet Say its Con-  
tents Are Not Satisfactory.

## GERMANY BLOCKADE IN FORCE; AMERICAN SHIPS IN DANGER

Dispatch From Berlin Says Ships  
With Colors of Neutral Nations  
Painted on Them Will Be De-  
stroyed By Submarines.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The text of the British Government's reply to the American protest against British interference with American commerce was made public tonight. The note says that the British Government has not interfered in any way with ships that have sailed from the United States to any country except Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Italy. This was done, the message said, because it was through these countries that supplies were sent to Germany.

In conclusion the note says: "It will still be our endeavor to avoid injury and loss to neutrals, but the announcement by Germany of its intention to sink merchant vessels and their cargoes without verification of their neutrality and without making provision for the safety of noncombatant crews, has made it necessary for his majesty's government to consider measures that it should adopt to protect English interests. It is impossible for one belligerent to depart from the rules and precedents and for another to remain bound by them."

The note from the British Government was unsatisfactory to Secretary Bryan and President Wilson. They contend that it is a mere repetition of the arguments set forth in Great Britain's first note. The only new feature in the document, they said, was Grey's reference to the German war zone.

Great dissatisfaction was expressed because Great Britain touched upon the war zone problem, yet had not stated what she would or could do for American and other neutral vessels. Hope is entertained, however, that there might be news tomorrow that British cruisers have been on the alert to protect vessels flying the American flag. It cannot be indicated tonight what the next step of the American government would be unless something happens within the very future in the German war zone.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The German Consul at Rotterdam has notified the Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce that Dutch merchant ships run the greatest risk if they appear in the war zone after midnight tonight. Neutral ships will not be guaranteed against attack by German submarines, said the consul, even though the national colors be painted upon the ships.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 17.—Germany's reply to the United States' note of protest against the regulations proposed for a war zone in the waters around the British Isles has been handed to Ambassador James W. Gerard and probably will be forwarded to Washington today.

London, Feb. 17.—At midnight the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom became, so far as lies within the power of Germany to make them, a war zone which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their peril.

Some of the services across the channel probably will be curtailed, but a majority of the neutral shipping lines will accept the risk and continue their sailings. The names and nationality of the vessels and the flags of their nations will be painted on their sides in the hope that German submarines will not sink them by mistake.

England's announcement of the details of her proposed retaliatory policy, by which she plans to shut off the German food supply from the outside, is expected momentarily and apparently there is not the slightest prospect that this country will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if England will relax naval pressure on shipping.

It is not expected that there will be any immediate and widespread activity by the German submarines, but the developments regarding neutral ships should bring to a head one of the most interesting and threatening situations of the war.

Great Britain received yesterday through Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, Germany's offer to withdraw her threat of a submarine blockade against Great Britain if the British navy would permit the free movement of foodstuffs to the civilian population of Germany.

Great Britain is preparing to retaliate against Germany by placing under more stringent control ships destined to German ports; and a proclamation momentarily is expected declaring a blockade of the German coast, or, at any rate, the prohibition of foodstuffs destined for Germany. The cabinet, with its naval and military advisers, considered this question, and it is understood the decision is awaiting the formal confirmation of the Privy Council, from which all proclamations emanate.

Holland Italy, like the United States, have protested to Germany against her sea war zone threat and have asked Great Britain not to make free use of neutral flags. Similar representations are expected to be made to the two countries in a joint note by Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

London, Feb. 17.—The Times says that in the last number of the Zukunft, Maximilian Harden publishes a contemptuous article about the United States, saying that the country will profit more and more by the war and care nothing else. He says Germany does not care in the least about American opinion regarding the causes of war, and that it is not worth while to utter a syllable in German defense. He adds:

"Seriously, however, we beg you not to cry murder if American ships are injured by the attack of German submarines. England desires to shut off ours, and we desire to shut off England's import of foodstuffs and raw materials."

"You do not try to land our coast. Stay away from British coasts also. You were warned in good time of what is now to be imposed by pitiless necessity. It must be, and let no cry of pain and no menace sound in Germany's ears."

London, Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight steamers sailing from New York and carrying more than 1000 American passengers are speeding to the war zone to face the peril of German torpedoes. They will be subject to the retaliation ordered by the German Admiralty beginning tomorrow against British merchantmen.

In addition, at least 40 ships sailing from Norfolk and Newport News for English and continental ports are due to arrive within the danger zone in the next few days.

The big White Star liner Adriatic is due to arrive at Liverpool tomorrow night or early Friday. She carries about 400 passengers, a large part of whom are Americans, and a rich food cargo. Every precaution will be taken to insure her safe passage through the Irish Sea in the belief that the Germans may attempt to strike a spectacular submarine blow by sending her to the bottom.

At about the same time, the Norwegian vessel Bergensford, carrying a number of passengers, will enter the war area established by the German Admiralty.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 17.—A wireless dispatch received here late this afternoon from the German steamer Holger announces that she will dock late tonight with the passengers and crews of a number of British steamers which have been sunk in the South Atlantic by a German cruiser.

The Holger has been a tender to the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which has been operating in the vicinity of the West Indies, and it is likely that the latter craft has been raiding British shipping again. The Karlsruhe is the only German warship positively known to be at large in the South Atlantic.